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## EX-STUDENT EXECUTED.

Was Charged With Insubordination—Others Await Trial.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, March 27.—The Vorwaerts publishes inside news from Russia to the effect that the number of students enrolled in the army is still increasing and now exceeds two thousand.

According to the same authority, an ex-student named Piratoff, who was enrolled, was executed on March 22nd in Kieff because of insubordination, and two other students, Rybakoff and Lansetnik, will be tried for a similar offence.

The Tagelblatt's St. Petersburg correspondent says the recall of Count Muraviev Amoursky, Russian military attaché at Paris, has been ordered, and that the Russian ambassador to France, Prince Oroussoff, will probably soon be recalled.

## Sought a Senatorship

Batch of Letters Sent to Ministers Submitted to Senate Committee

**Cook Admits He Did not Prepare Statement Issued During Election,**

**But Firmly Declined to Give the Names of Those Who Did**

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 27.—At to-day's sitting of the Senate committee to enquire into the "Cook charges," Mr. Cook was again on the stand, being cross-examined by S. H. Blake.

Mr. Cook could not remember what date he met Cameron in Toronto, nor could he say in what year Cameron died. He regarded Cameron's proposition about \$10,000 as infamous, yet he said that he continued to correspond with Cameron with a view of his assistance in getting a senatorship until the latter refused him and in September, 1897.

Mr. Blake then asked if the statement issued by Mr. Cook at the last elections was not prepared in the Mail and Empire building. Cook refused to answer.

The committee decided by a majority that he should answer.

Mr. Cook replied that it was not and that Samuel Barber did not see him there. He refused to say who prepared the statement, but admitted that it was not himself.

The committee again decided that he should give the names. Those who voted against his doing so were Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Senators Ferguson and Kirchhoff.

Mr. Blake put the question in various forms, but the answer Cook always made was "I decline to answer."

W. T. R. Preston and S. C. Biggs, who were present at the committee, were excluded by order of Cook's lawyer. This might Mr. Blake remark that it was an unusual thing to have a lawyer exclude his own witnesses.

A batch of letters was put in by Mr. Blake from Mr. Cook to ministers asking for a senatorship.

Public Accounts Committee.

Hon. J. I. Tarte appeared at the public accounts committee to-day and said that he could not bring J. B. Charlson back at present as his presence was required building the telegraph in Yukon, but if anything was proven against Charlson he would have him brought back and dismissed.

J. F. Richardson, of the C. P. R., is to be called before the committee.

In the House.

In the House to-day T. O. Davis introduced a bill to incorporate the Kettle River Valley Railway, which was read a first time.

T. Fortin, Laval, moved his resolution for the right to make civil servants and employees' salaries attachable, the same as other citizens.

## MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED.

Heap of Human Bones Found at the Bottom of an Old Well.

(Associated Press.)

Pulitzer, Mo., March 27.—Workmen removing a cellar wall under a dilapidated building just north of the bridge that crosses Fairhaven river, a quarter of a mile above Carter's Falls, have apparently unearthed evidence which solves the mystery of a murder that was committed seventy years ago.

The discovery was made by accident, the laborers having fallen into a pit while trying to lift some heavy stones. The pit was about eight feet deep, with a solid stone wall about twenty inches thick surrounding it. In the centre of the pit was set a solid iron post, attached to which was a heavy iron chain and an old-fashioned pair of handcuffs. Nearby was a heap of human bones.

Inquiry has disclosed the fact that in 1831, Henry Borden, a young Frenchman, brought his young wife to Pulitzer to live in the house which the workmen are tearing down. She was witty and vivacious and attracted considerable attention. In a short time Borden became jealous of her and forbade her visiting a certain tavern that was kept nearby. The young and high-tempered wife

## SHOT DURING FIGHT.

Trotting Horse Trainer Killed in His Father-in-Law's House.

(Associated Press.)

Louisville, Ky., March 27.—Oliver McMackin, a trotting horse trainer, was shot and killed yesterday at the home of his father-in-law, Thos. Smith, in New Albany, Ind. McMackin went to the home of his father-in-law and it is said, assaulted his wife, Kittie McMackin, who had gone there after a quarrel on Monday with her husband. Her father got into a fight with McMackin in defending her, and Mrs. Smith attempted to hand her husband a shotgun, but McMackin kicked it from her hands. In falling, the gun exploded, the charge taking effect in McMackin's body, killing him.

## CAUGHT IN THE BLIZZARD.

Thousands of Dead Cattle, Sheep and Horses Scattered Over Plains of Nebraska and Colorado.

(Associated Press.)

Denver, Colo., March 27.—Thousands of dead cattle, sheep and horses strew the plains of Western Nebraska and Eastern Colorado as a result of the blizzard. Into hundreds of small ravines and dry beds of creeks the animals crawled and were covered with drifting snow, while other countless numbers struggled against the blizzard to reach shelter, and perished on the edges. Incoming passengers over the Burlington and Union Pacific say that the bodies are scattered over the plains in every direction.

## TO BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

(Associated Press.)

Havana, March 27.—Estes G. Rathbone, former director-general of posts, who is now on bail under charges of fraudulent practices, will be taken into custody. His bondsmen having refused to continue the guarantee.

## BAKERS WILL STRIKE.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 27.—Fifteen thousand bakers are threatening to strike in Manhattan and Brooklyn on May 1st. Five thousand have already decided to strike.

## China Has Declined

To Sign the Manchurian Agreement Which Was Submitted by Russia.

Ministers Act in Accordance With Decree Issued From the Court.

The Negotiations Regarding Indemnity Question Will Probably Be Delayed.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 27.—The officials of the Japanese embassy confirm the report that an Imperial decree has been issued by the court at Sian Fu, through Liu Kuan Yi, the viceroy of Nankin, ordering that the Manchurian convention should not be signed on March 26th, the date fixed by Russia.

An intimation of this decree has been telegraphed to the various governments concerned.

The Murder of a Missionary.

Pekin, March 27.—The Chinese had not signed the Manchurian agreement last night when the time had expired.

The ministers of the powers do not consider that the murder of Rev. J. Stonehouse, of the London Missionary Society, who was killed by Chinese brigands 14 miles east of Tien Tsin recently, affects the Chinese situation politically. They are perfectly aware that the country around Shihnan is infested with robbers who are hostile to foreigners, and would take such an opportunity as in the present case to kill him. Mr. Rockhill, the special commissioner of the United States, says he does not consider it safe for people to travel alone in the country districts and guards cannot be supplied to the missionaries. Consequently those going into the country take the risk. The district in which the murder was committed is policed by foreign troops, therefore China is not officially responsible. The foreign troops gutted Shihnan of everything worth taking, and the people there are indignant against all foreigners. The missionaries attribute the murder to the leniency of the powers towards China which makes them seem to be afraid.

The ministers have many views on the indemnity question which may result in considerable delay in the negotiations on that subject.

## Several Encounters

Capetown Dispatch Tells of Engagements Between British and Burghers.

Fourie's Commando, Numbering Two Hundred, Has Been Dispersed at Thaba Nchu.

The Bubonic Plague Situation is Grave—Proportion of European Victims Increasing.

(Associated Press.)

Capetown, March 27.—Indecisive encounters at widely separated points are reported daily.

Fighting took place yesterday at Tarkastad and Henningfontein; both in Cape Colony. The casualties were few.

A commando, numbering 200, under Commandant Fourie, has been dispersed at Thaba N'chu.

According to reports received here, the hills above Depotsdorp, just reconquered by Gen. Bruce Hamilton, were the scene of a fight, lasting several hours, yesterday.

The bubonic plague situation is assuming a graver aspect. The proportion of European victims of the disease is increasing. Among those attacked yesterday were three soldiers belonging to different corps. A native employer in the navy died at Simonstown. Eight other colored cases and two of Europeans are reported from there, and one native has died.

## THE REVOLT IN ARABIA

Abdul Hamid's Brother Proclaimed Sultan by the Insurgents—Serious Trouble Brewing.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 27.—Advices received here from Constantinople are to the effect that affairs are rapidly reaching a dangerous pass there. Turkish finances are in inextinguishable confusion, all government salaries being from six to eight months in arrears. Upwards of a million (Turkish) pounds is due for war material, while the military expenditure is daily increasing in order to cope with the rebellion in the province of Yemen, in Southern Arabia, and the possible rising in Macedonia. There is no doubt that Ottoman troops received a severe check at the hands of the Arabian insurgents who, in a manifesto denouncing the Sultan, proclaimed his brother Sultan, with the title of Mohammed V. The Young Turks party have adhered to the Arabian proclamation and declared open enmity to Abdul Hamid. The Sultan has fled to the palace and the Sultan's advisers, Ismet Bey, is said to be preparing for flight. The patrons of Constantinople have been doubled, Mohammedans and Christians are arrested hourly, and large numbers are daily shipped to Asia Minor.

The tension between Bulgarians and Mussulmans in Macedonia is extreme. It is reported that another band of marauders has crossed Bulgaria into Macedonia.

## ROBBERY THE MOTIVE.

(Associated Press.)

Buffalo, Wyo., March 27.—Chas. E. Holdnam and Eric Buntin, who were arrested two weeks ago on the charge of having murdered Arapahoe Brown, a wealthy stockman, have confessed. It is said they shot and killed Brown on January 23rd last and burned his body in a gulch on Powder river above Arapahoe. The object of the crime was robbery. Holdnam was interested with Brown in a herd of horses on a ranch near Arapahoe. Buntin is only 18 years old.

## COLD SPELL IN EUROPE.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 27.—The weather in Europe continues bitterly cold. There is frost and snow everywhere. Seven to ten degrees of frost were registered in the London suburbs early this morning. There is considerable thickness of ice on the lakes. Heavy snowstorms have swept over northern France and there are several inches of snow on the streets.

## FIREMAN KILLED.

(Associated Press.)

Huntingdon, W. Va., March 27.—Sehon Black & Stevenson's wholesale grocery was burned to-day. The loss is \$100,000 and insurance \$50,000. Fireman John Wright was killed by falling walls, and Fireman Wm. Sturgson was seriously injured.

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Preparing For War

Work Is Being Hurried Forward on the Russian Black Sea Fleet, and Soldiers Are Hastening to Points of Strategic Importance—Chinese Treaties.

London, March 26.—The Reuter Telegram company has received the following dispatch: "Pekin, March 26.—(7 p. m.)—The fact that China rejects the Manchurian convention is not true. She objects to many points which are under discussion. China strenuously objects to the prohibition of the importation of arms and ammunition to Manchuria and to the provision forbidding China to construct her own railways without Russia's consent. She also takes exception to relinquishing the autonomy of Chin Shun. China does not desire to grant a concession which would be likely to prove an embargo to other powers."

pire and all the powers now interested in the negotiations, desires to express its sense of the propriety, expediency and extreme danger to the interests of China of considering any territorial or financial arrangements, at least without the full knowledge and approval of all the powers now engaged in negotiations. (Signed) Hay."

UNITED STATES CLAIMS. Wants Sixty Thousand Dollars From Sultan of Morocco. Washington, March 26.—Upon being advised by the navy department that the U. S. S. New York had arrived at Tangiers, the state department immediately sent cablegrams to Consul-General Gummere, directing him to board the New York and go forward on her special mission. Something is left to Mr. Gummere's discretion as to the execution of the details, and it is for him to say whether he will be satisfied if the Sultan and court meet him half way at Mazargin, and whether he will proceed according to the original programme directly to Morocco city.

War Preparations. New York, March 26.—A dispatch to the World from Constantinople says: "Advices from Odessa, the Black sea port of Russia, say that extraordinary preparations for war are being made. The naval dockyards are pushing work on the Black sea fleet, while thousands of soldiers are being dispatched in haste to various points of strategic importance. The garrisons in all the cities are being doubled and domiciliary visits are made continually with many arrests."

TRACK OF TORNADO. Every Hamlet in Jefferson County, Alabama, Was Visited. Birmingham, March 26.—Delayed reports show that yesterday's tornado visited practically every hamlet in Jefferson county, after passing through this city. Although no complete list of the dead and injured has been compiled, 10 persons are known to have been killed, and between 30 and 40 injured.

DR. AGNEW'S OINTMENT CURES PILES—Itching, Bleeding and Itching Piles. Comfort in one application. It cures in three to six nights. It cures all skin diseases in young and old. A remedy beyond compare, and never fails. 35 cents. Sold by Dean & Hecocks and Hall & Co.—63.

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Topsy-turvy. That's a favorite attitude of the small boy. And in this age, "the child is the father of the man." The man does not essay to walk through life on his hands, but he creates for himself a kingdom of topsy-turvy-dom. He turns night into day. He eats regardless of time and physical necessities. He makes a pleasure of his business and a business of his pleasure. In fact, he effectually reverses the order of natural living. The result is physical disability generally introduced by "weak" stomach. The food he eats does not nourish him because the stomach and its associated organs are not able to extract the nourishment from the food. Hence, the body is undernourished and disease develops in one form or another.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It cures through the stomach diseases which originate in a diseased condition of the stomach and its allied organs. Hence, it cures "weak" lungs, "weak" heart, "weak" nerves and other forms of so-called weakness.

Lost Men And Cannon

Gen. French Has Reached Vryheid —The Boers Have Suffered Severely.

Vryheid, March 25.—Gen. French with 1,000 men and 100 cannons, arrived here today, having killed and wounded or captured 1,200 Boers. He has also taken seven cannons, 1,000 rifles, 1,800 wagons, and 226,000 head of horses, cattle and sheep.

Must Return to Original Policy. London, March 27.—The Vryheid dispatch is regarded as giving the total of Gen. French's captures throughout his operations. It indicates, therefore, the capture of additional Boers and war material.

Chinese Immigration Should Be Restricted. Two witnesses were examined yesterday afternoon, one being Arthur E. Emory, president of Trades and Labor Council, and Collector Milne. The former was not there in his presidential capacity. He is a carpenter and joiner, and stated that his usual wages for house carpentering were \$3 per day, and for ship carpentering \$3.50.

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Wages of White Laborers. The only unskilled white laborers employed at the mills here were teamsters. As regards land, he believed that if the most improved methods of clearing were adopted, white men would engage more in farming.

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The Royal Commission

Examined Yesterday Work- ingman's Standpoint. Believes It Urgent That Chinese Immigration Should Be Restricted.

He believed the Chinese were diligent, if continually under surveillance; otherwise they were disobedient and indolent. He mentioned one factory where he was one time employed, in which among the Chinese there were only two to be considered industrious. In the lumber mills and sash and door factories here, he estimated the number of Chinese employed between Sixty and Seventy.

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Provincial Parliament

Metaliferous Mines Bill Amended Slightly in Committee of the House.

Hon. Mr. Turner Explains the Effect of the Assessment Act.

Victoria, March 26th. The House opened at 2.30, prayers being read by Rev. Dr. Campbell. Mr. E. C. Smith presented a petition from 250 residents of Fernie, favoring an act requiring an examination for competency of miners in coal mines. Mr. Helmeke presented the report from the private bills committee, regarding the preamble of the act to incorporate the K. O. Mining Association. The report was received. The House went into committee of the whole on the Placer Mining Bill, with Mr. Munro in the chair. A few amendments were made to the bill, and the Minister then stated that he would like the bill to stand over in order to consider certain suggestions made, particularly by Mr. Hobson, of Cariboo, regarding the substitution of Crown grants for hydraulic leases. Mr. Curtis suggested that hydraulic leases should lapse if the work was not done, the same as mineral claims. The Attorney-General said this was the law at present. Mr. Hunter, of Cariboo, entered a vigorous protest against the proposal to give Crown grants for placer ground. He regarded such a step as a great menace to placer mining. He knew of corporations which held 10 miles of placer ground, and they wanted to gobble the whole thing. Mr. Rogers, of Cariboo, took the opposite view. The committee rose and reported progress. The House resumed in committee on the Metaliferous Mines Bill, with Mr. Munro in the chair. Section 4, regarding data to be furnished by mines to the department, was modified at the suggestion of the Minister. Mr. Neil suggested that this data be furnished only by mines actively engaged in shipping, treating or crushing ore, and the clause was so amended. Section 5, requiring a return showing the metals derived from ore in treatment was struck out. Mr. Curtis moved an amendment providing that engineers in charge of placer plants in mines should not be compelled to work longer than eight hours. It was very important that these men, on whose alertness the lives of so many men depended, should not be overworked. Mr. Hawthornthwaite supported this view, attributing many accidents to fatigue of men. Miners were very nervous on this point, and would welcome such a change. He congratulated the member for Rossland on bringing the matter up, and on so vigorously insisting on the matter. It would involve little additional expense in operating mines. The section, which was endorsed by the House, was as follows: "That from and after the first day of January, A.D. 1902, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to operate or handle for more than eight hours in each twenty-four hours any first motion or direct-acting hoisting engine, any geared or indirect-acting hoisting engine, at any mine employing fifteen or more men underground, where the duties of a freeman are performed by the engineer in charge; also any stationary engine operating a stationary engine developing fifty or more horse-power, where such engine has charge or control of a boiler or steam engine, in addition to other duties performed by him. This act shall only apply to such steam plants as are in continuous operation, or are operated twenty or more hours in each twenty-four hours. "From and after the first day of January, A.D. 1902, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, company or corporation, to induce, or persuade, or prevail upon any person or persons to operate or handle such steam engine or engines for more than eight hours in each twenty-four hours, as described in the preceding general rule No. 21a of this section: Provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to persons running any engine or machinery more than eight hours in each twenty-four hours for the purpose of relieving another employee in case of sickness or other unforeseen cause." The bill was reported complete as amended. The Bill for the Protection of Neglected Children was transmitted by message, committed, reported, adopted and read a first time. The Trail City Corporation Bill was committed, with Mr. Gilmore in the chair. The bill was reported complete with amendments. Hon. Mr. Wells moved the second reading of the Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act Amendment Bill. He mentioned that there had been a difficulty in regard to the subsidy, and that a good bargain had been struck by granting a subsidy of \$2,500 in cash and 2,500 acres land. Mr. Martin said he had not studied the act by which the company was to receive 2,000 acres for each mile of tramway. He did not think they were entitled to the subsidy unless they completed the tramway. Hon. Mr. Wells replied that they had completed the tramway, but that it had not been operated for four or five years. Mr. Martin advocated holding these companies absolutely to their bargain, especially in this case, where the whole thing was a fraud on the public. He thought these companies deserved no consideration. The scheme was an absurd one, and if the government could get out of giving them the subsidy he would not hesitate to do it. The debate was adjourned. The Finance Minister moved the second reading of the Assessment Act. In doing so he said there was a great deal of misapprehension regarding it. No new tax was imposed. The bill merely explained the present Assessment Bill, and carried out its intentions. Under that

act certain businesses escaped taxation owing to the ambiguities of the statute. The bill made a continuation of this state of affairs impossible. It was the intention in this session to introduce a new Assessment Bill, but the whole matter was found to be so intricate that it was decided to defer it, especially as the same subject was being looked into by a commission in Ontario, and had just issued an interim report. Their information and experience was more extended than that of British Columbia, and it was decided therefore to wait for their final report, when a fair and reasonable act could be introduced. Reports were being obtained from the States and from other colonies, and a better basis of taxation reached whereby it might be possible to reduce taxation. By section 2 of this bill income was defined. Hitherto it had related to personal property. Now it was divorced from that. Section 3 corrected an error which had crept into the act which assessed municipal and government stocks, where it was intended to have the opposite effect. Household effects were exempted from taxation, excepting where furniture was leased, as in the case of a furnished house. Section 7 provided a means of getting a revenue from companies which had hitherto escaped it. It also covered insurance companies who claimed that they paid a municipal rate and therefore should not be obliged to pay a provincial tax. The tax would be collected on the net income. It had been objected that railways were not taxed, but they were covered by another bill. There were large companies deriving a big revenue from the province, and they should be compelled to contribute to its revenue. Mr. Brown asked why water companies had been left out of the list. Where the water system was owned by the municipality it should be exempted. The Finance Minister agreed with the suggestion and agreed to incorporate it in the bill. The House then rose.

STATISTICAL REPORTS. Customs Department Now Publishes One Every Month—Nature of the Information. A memorandum for the information of Canadian business men and others interested in the foreign trade of Canada, regarding the new statistical report of the imports and exports of the Dominion, published monthly by the customs department, has been received. This report gives practically the same detailed information by articles and countries, of imports and exports, as has heretofore been contained in the annual volume of the trade and navigation returns. For the past ten years these annual returns were not published until an average of about six months after the close of the fiscal year. The information therein contained was, therefore, from eighteen down to six months old when the report was available for the public. The government being of opinion that the long delay in publication, which seemed to be unavoidable under the existing system of compilation, minimized the value to the business public of the statistical information, decided, with the object of furthering the business interests of the country, to change the system of compilation, and to issue a monthly report in addition to publishing, as formerly, the annual volume of the Trade and Navigation Returns. The new monthly report gives the following information: 1. The quantity and value of goods imported and passed through the customs for consumption monthly under 1,440 separate heads, and sub-divided so as to show the countries of export. 2. The quantity and value of exports, both in form and produce separately, per month, under 326 separate heads, and sub-divided so as to show the countries to which the goods are exported. 3. In addition to the information as to imports and exports for the month to which it refers, the report also contains information for the fiscal period ending with each month; for instance, the January report will give the imports and exports for that month, and, as well, the totals in details by articles and countries for the seven months ended January of the fiscal year, which commences on July 1st and ends June 30th. The classification of the imports and exports followed in the report was designed to afford as much information as possible, respecting the movements of foreign trade in the different lines of business engaged in in Canada, and it is believed that it satisfactorily meets the requirements. It is the intention to publish the report as promptly as possible after the close of each month, and every effort will be made by the department towards that end. The compilation of the statistical information is made by a special branch of the department at headquarters, Ottawa, direct from the entries passed and filed at customs throughout the Dominion, and the greatest care is taken to secure accuracy. IT CAME BACK. The Doctor's Wife Found Her Complexion Again. Coffee is no respecter of persons when it comes to the poisonous effects thereof. A prominent physician's wife of Monticello, Ind., says that coffee treated her very badly indeed, giving her a serious and painful stomach trouble, and a wretched, muddy complexion. Her husband is a physician of the regular school and opposed to both tea and coffee, so he induced her to leave them off and take on Postum Food Coffee. The stomach trouble disappeared almost like magic, and gradually her complexion cleared up; now she is in excellent condition throughout. There are thousands of highly organized people who are made sick in a variety of different ways by the use of coffee, and most of these people do not suspect the cause of their trouble. They think that others can drink coffee and are well, and they can, but about one person out of every three is more or less poisoned by coffee, and this can be proved by leaving off coffee and taking Postum Food Coffee. In nearly every case the ailments will be greatly relieved or entirely disappear. It is easy enough to make a trial and see whether coffee is a poison to you or not. The name of the doctor's wife can be given upon application to the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., at Battle Creek, Mich.

Resignation Accepted

Matron of Jubilee Hospital Has Accepted a Position at White Horse.

Recouping of Nurses For Stolen Money and Valuables Considered by Board.

The first business that the board of directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital had to consider last night was the report presented to them by Dr. Haswell of the losses which had been sustained by the nurses when part of the institution was looted by the thief who represented himself as an electrician. The report shows six of the nurses having lost exercise more care. Patients were required to deposit money and valuables in the office upon entering the hospital. The nurses should not leave such things lying around in their rooms. E. A. Lewis thought the board was partially responsible. R. S. Day agreed with him inasmuch as the nurses who were recruited were those who were on duty at the time in the wards of the hospital, and he thought they should be recouped. An amendment, moved by E. A. Lewis and seconded by H. M. Grahame, that the report be referred to the finance committee, was carried after some discussion. A communication from Miss J. M. Grady, matron of the hospital, was received, in which she tendered her resignation in order to accept a position at White Horse. R. S. Day, reporting for the house committee, recommended that the resignation be accepted, and that the board advertise for a successor. Discussion followed as to the advisability of advertising for a matron, many being of the opinion that a successor could be found among the nurses already connected with the institution, and that the promotion of some one of them should be made. It was pointed out by E. A. Lewis that these nurses could apply for the position when the advertisement appeared, and if it was thought advisable could be given the preference in making a choice. The subject was then taken up by the subject, introduced the idea that something might be done towards dividing the duties which are now performed by the matron. The housekeeping duties, which takes such of her time, and if the number of wards are increased, as contemplated, the duties of the matron would become still more onerous. It was finally decided to adopt the report and to advertise for a matron, applications to be received up to April 15th. The house committee reports upon changes in connection with the sanitary arrangements of the hospital was adopted. Alex. Wilson drew attention to a plan for enlarging the accommodation in the hospital. Six of the eight rooms on the first floor must now be used as wards, with little expense, turned into wards. A separate building for a nurses' home should be built so that when not on duty they might not be kept within the hospital. Joshua Davis said that the government when waited upon by H. Dallas Helmecke and himself relative to the desired help, towards hospitals, had assured them that the matter would soon be disposed of. He gave as his opinion that any departure from the plan adopted by the board of making the building other than a pavilion hospital would be a retrograde act. The block hospital was out of date. The question was reported to be in the hands of the house committee, who were awaiting the action of the government before reporting upon any extension. R. S. Day, as a member of that committee, said that any extension that would receive his endorsement would have to provide for free patients as well as for pay ones. The meeting then adjourned.

TRACED FROM PALESTINE. Rev. I. Jones Gave Last Lecture in First Presbyterian Church Last Evening.

The second of the lectures on the theory of Britons descending from the Israelites was given last evening at the First Presbyterian church by the Rev. I. Jones. Mr. Jones in opening his remarks reviewed the ground he had covered in his former address for the benefit of those who were not present at that occasion. After giving some reasons why the British people should be descended from the Israelites, he went on to trace them from Palestine to the British Isles. Before proceeding, however, he wished to explain that Israel and the tribes of Judah were two separate peoples, and that we were descended from the tribes of Israel, while the Jews of to-day could be traced to the people of Judah. About 750 years before Christ, the people of Israel were captured and taken into captivity by the ruler of the country that is now called Persia. They have not been heard from since. Mr. Jones stated that some people think they were among the people of Judah who returned from Babylon. He then gave the authority of the Bible for the statement that they were not among the tribe of Judah, and in fact have not been heard of since 750 years before Christ. Mr. Jones then went on to trace them from Persia to Europe. He said that after about 80 years of captivity a revolution, according to noted historians, occurred in that country, and the Israelites taking advantage of the chaos, escaped and made their way into the district surrounding the Black sea. From here they went north, and coming round by way of Scandinavia, they reached the British Isles. Mr. Jones quoted quite a number of noted historians to corroborate his statement regarding the journey from Palestine to the British Isles. Another remarkable resemblance, said Mr. Jones, the British people have to the Israelites is the similarity in the emblems. The Israelites had the lion, the unicorn, the harp, the stone, a bell and a wolf. The lion used to be the great symbol of Israel. The unicorn also used to be an emblem of the Israelites, and Mr. Jones cited an occasion where it was mentioned in the Bible in connection with the Israelites. The harp used to be and perhaps is the favorite musical instrument of the British people, and it was the favorite instrument of the Israelites. The bull was also an emblem of Israel, and "is it not a remarkable thing," said Mr. Jones, "that the British Empire should be called 'John Bull'." The wolf was the emblem of the Normans when they invaded Britain in 1066. Mr. Jones then went on to show the similarity between the Hebrew language and the English language. Most people, he said, say that if we were Israelites we would talk the Hebrew language. It was only natural that after being away from their native land the Israelites should have picked up a different language. Still, according to Mr. Jones, there is a great similarity between the Hebrew and English languages. Mr. Jones concluded by stating that it was predicted in the Bible that there should be two great nations of Israel. He stated that we have them to-day in the British Empire and the United States. Many questions were put to Mr. Jones and he answered them all to the satisfaction of the questioners.

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Sailings For Skagway

Cottage City and Dolphin Left This Morning and Darube Follows To-Night. The Alaska Steamship Company's Steamers to Call Going and Coming From Alaska. With the sailing of the Pacific Coast Co.'s steamer Cottage City and the Alaska Steamship Co.'s Dolphin this morning, and the Danube of the C. P. N. Co.'s fleet to-night, there will have left for Skagway today the largest exodus from this city for the North of the season. The Cottage City with the new commissioner for the Yukon Territories, the Hon. J. H. Ross aboard, left at 6 o'clock. She had in all fifteen passengers from Victoria, and might have had more, but for her early departure. An effort is being made, however, to have all the steamers of her line call hereafter at Victoria in daylight. For over a year they have been touching at the outer wharf both on their up and down trips at night, and their management is now beginning to realize that in these days of competition that they can no longer adhere to this policy, and at the same time look for any formidable proportion of the trade offering. The Alaska Steamship company is also out for Victoria, and their line will not only call here Northward bound, but on their Southern voyage as well. The Dolphin will inaugurate the rule, and on her return from her present trip will come in here. There were six in the governor's party embarking on the Cottage City, and there were in addition the following passengers: A. McLeod, S. Yeox, H. E. Witney, D. L. Ash, C. E. Gilman, W. Warren, J. L. Warren, Messrs. McKinnon and Coffin, P. J. Nash. The steamer also had considerable freight from Victoria, one consignment of groceries prepared by Watson & Hall, Yates street, being destined for Atlin, where also a number of the passengers were bound. Among those leaving on the Dolphin were A. C. Beach, of the first South African contingent from this city, who is going into the Porcupine country to try his fortune mining; John A. McNeil and Mr. Walker. The Danube will have a big list of passengers and a heavy freight, with the crews, building material and fittings for the new White Pass & Yukon company's steamers. Among those booked to leave on her are Mr. Schroeder, Capt. McDougall and crew of eight men going up to take charge of the new steamer Nora, G. Townsend and twenty-five men engaged by Hoffman & Co. to work on the rebuilding of the steamer at White Horse; Mr. Burr and party, going through to Dawson; Archibald Cameron, leaving to take charge of the government road work in Atlin district; David Fair and Robt. Fair, jr., who are also going into the Atlin country. QUARTETTE OF PRISONERS. Steamer Willapa returned from North of British Columbia ports yesterday afternoon, landing four Japanese prisoners under sentence to two months' imprisonment for selling liquor to Indians. The natives are holding a potlatch at Rikers Inlet, and the Japs had taken among them some eighteen cases of whisky to sell, for which offences they were tried and convicted, and sent down here in charge of Constable Fraser. Among

THE GLENSHIEL'S CARGO.

The British steamship Glenshiel, the third of the round-the-world line to leave for Tacoma, was sailed, taking with her a general cargo for China and Japan, valued at \$175,000. The cargo is of the usual general assortment of merchandise, the chief items being 55,894 sacks of flour, valued at \$40,024.80; 1,525 bales of cotton, valued at \$78,000.00. She also carried with her miscellaneous merchandise, 4,061 pieces of lumber, valued at \$2,851.70, and 2,213 bars of pig lead, but had no passengers. A NOVEL VENTURE. The Portland Evening Telegram says: "The Robertson Raft Company in the near future will build a mammoth raft containing almost 10,000,000 feet of logs, which will be towed across the Pacific ocean to Oriental points. The raft which the company expects to tow to China will be lashed together with more than one thousand tons of chain of the best quality. OTHER PASSENGERS TO ARRIVE ON THE STEAMER WERE R. CHAMBERS AND J. HOBSONS.

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MADAME MODERNA.

Something About the Great Actress Who Appears Here To-morrow Evening. The regular playgoers need to be reminded that Madame Modjeska, one of the most famous tragic actresses of this generation, and accompanied by R. D. MacLean and Odette Tyler, will appear here to-morrow evening in "Mary Stuart." It is only on the very rare visits of artists such as she that ordinary everyday people realize that the stage has any great destiny to fulfill. The majority of plays offered are inconsequential, if harmless. They are intended, like the paper covered novel, to cater to the passing fancy of an overworked people, who by constant association begin to look upon the classic plays as they do upon worthy literature, as a bore, as something for the edification of students alone. For the good of both literature and the stage once in a while let great artists such as she come along, and let sluggish brain tissues are expanded, grand emotions stirred, tremendous enthusiasm awakened, and poetry and romance discovered in the minds of those who have almost forgotten that there were such things in their being. The theatre at home with the reflection that the stage fiction of a Shakespeare, Moliere, or a Rostand, or the literary fictions of a Virgil, Milton, Balzac or a Thackeray, are not so dry after all. It is said that after the present season of Madame Modjeska's return, making a tour of Europe and Australia, under the direction of her present managers, Messrs. Wazenhals and Kemper, in which case she is not likely to be seen in this city again, if in America. The likelihood of this being her farewell tour graphically calls to mind how few remain on that platform, which not so long ago boasted so many players equalled.

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**PUBLIC MEETING.** All people interested in the future of Victoria should attend the public meeting called for Friday evening in the City Hall. It was perfectly evident from the sentiments of the gathering last week in the theatre that the feeling is in favor of railway competition in British Columbia. As a result of that meeting the government has thought it necessary to go through the form of calling for propositions for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay road, and has pledged itself to give the contract to the company whose terms are found to be in the interests of the people. No fault can be found with such a position as that. But the conditions that appear to be the most favorable on the surface might ultimately prove the least desirable. There is no denying that the country as a whole, whether reasonably or unreasonably, is opposed to the charter being given to the C. P. R. Whether it is the attitude of that company generally and its apparent efforts to place a fence around British Columbia and make it an exclusive preserve for its own operations; or whether it is that distrust has been engendered by the history of the company's dealings with Manitoba and the efforts which that province is at present making to gain its independence, we do not know. All that can be said is that the fact is apparent. There is a feeling too that it has been decided by the government to give the contract for the building of the Coast-Kootenay road to the C. P. R., and that it will be a matter of considerable difficulty to make the Premier change his mind. On the surface there is nothing suspicious about that either; but apparently the electors want to know why it is so. As Mr. Brown pointed out in his letter yesterday, the railway company has larger interests here than any of us. Why should its desire be other than to do us good? No doubt the situation will be discussed in all its phases at the meeting on Friday night. The Canadian Pacific should have a representative there to present its side of the case.

**DOMESTIC HELP.** We are sorry to see that the problem of adequate assistance in the household is still troubling the mind of the Colonist. It appears to us that here, as in other parts of the world, this economic question will settle itself after the same manner as other perplexing problems have in the past. We really do not believe that it will be necessary to permanently establish an inferior race in the midst of our civilization to bring about such a settlement. It seems clear that if there were no Chinamen in British Columbia the rate of wages paid here would soon create a supply which would remove the difficulty. There is no doubt, however, that there is a prejudice—an unreasoning one, surely—against this form of employment. Why it should be considered more beneath one's dignity to earn one's livelihood in a private house than in a workshop or any other place is one of

these things that no fellow can understand, looking at the matter from a common-sense point of view. Probably the importation of certain nonsensical class distinctions into this democratic community has something to do with it. The chief cause of the desire of young girls in this country—or perhaps it would be more correct to say in other parts of Canada—to shun domestic service is the treatment accorded to household servants. In the factory, the workshop and the store, the hours of labor in a week are definite. In domestic service in too many instances the working hours extend from early in the morning until late at night for seven days in the week. We do not say that these conditions prevail here, but they have prevailed in the past in other parts of Canada, and they are responsible for girls entering into occupations in which there is greater freedom and more enjoyment of life, even at less remuneration. The leveling up or down influence of our educational system are not entirely responsible for the anomalies alluded to. Make the conditions of domestic service in some degree on an equality with the conditions in workshop, factory and store, and it will be found that the household help problem has been solved.

**A TORY TRIUMPH.** By a majority of two Sir Mackenzie Bowell had his way. Although the investigation into the Cook charges has not established anything except that the author of them is a disappointed politician, yet the Conservative leader in the Senate has gained a great victory. He has proved to the world that there is yet a place or institution in Canada where Toryism is in the ascendant, and he has provided a job for a Tory lawyer, for whose valuable services the country will be compelled to pay. On the face of it this may not appear to be very glorious achievement, but when account is taken of the tribulations through which the party has been compelled to pass within the past few years, of the great flow of gold into the treasury and the very small part of it which has been permitted to pass into Tory pockets, of the exceedingly narrow limits to which Tory power, once omnipotent at Ottawa, has been reduced, then it is understandable that Sir Mackenzie, the old gentleman to whom party is every day rejected exceedingly at the temporary display he was enabled to give the public of the power which is rapidly passing from him. It is alleged that the Liberals made the Cook charge a party question. It was never anything else, but a party question. Nobody but the most bigoted of partisans believed for a moment that there was any foundation for the allegation that Mr. Cook was asked by the leaders of the Liberal party to pay ten thousand dollars for a Senatorship. Mr. Cook had a grievance against the Liberal party because it made no effort to coerce certain constituencies into giving him a nomination. He is neither a strong nor a popular man in the places where he is well known. He may not be to blame for these things, but neither are the members of the party which he has turned against. Strength and popularity in candidates win elections, and it is for the purpose of winning elections that the Liberal party exists.

Baffled in his attempt to secure a seat in the popular chamber, Mr. Cook decided that he would serve his country in the Senate. His application for a seat was put in. Whether the party in power be Tory or Grit, there are always plenty of applications for positions of honor or emolument in Canada. Mr. Cook observed that others were preferred before him. One of the appointees, Mr. Cox, happened to be a rich man, and what more natural in the opinion of a man like Mr. Cook than than Mr. Cox secured the appointment for a consideration. We believe that such an "analagical" conclusion was hardly warranted. Mr. Cox's predecessor in the Senate, Mr. Macdonald, was also a rich man and never took any active part in politics, yet when he was appointed to the Senate by a Conservative government there was never a hint or a suggestion that he had bought his seat. However, Mr. Cook was not satisfied. He reasoned with himself that when a man with his strong claims was passed over everything was not perfectly straight. When in the midst of the election excitement he made his charges and they were denied; nobody took any notice of them. It was perfectly clear that Mr. Cook, denied that he considered his rights by one party, turned to the other. No doubt he was promised a reward commensurate with the importance of his services, "when justice once more became seated upon her throne in Canada." But the designs of the Conservative party, Mr. Cook and of "justice" were circumvented by the electorate, and Mr. Cook would have retired into obscurity. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the only Conservative in Canada in whom any power to speak of is vested, would not have it so. He asked Mr. Cook to produce his evidence of Grit venality. H. H. predicted that he had had enough of politics and desired to attend to his private affairs. Sir Mackenzie was obdurate and insisted that he would force the would-be Senator to reveal all he knew. Mr. Cook has told all, and it amounts to no more than that the late M. C. Cameron made proposals, verbal and written, that upon certain conditions a seat would be provided for the rejected of the people in the Senate. Unfettered for Mr. Cook's position, Mr.

**THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.** Some American statesmen and newspapers contend that a treaty conveys no rights which a nation is bound to respect when such nation thinks such stipulations are likely to interfere with its plans. Perhaps that is another lesson which has been learned from Russia. Of what avail would treaties be in that case? Senator Morgan and many others claim that all they have to do when a treaty stands in the way of their exercising their own sweet will is to declare that it no longer exists, and that is the end of it. The British government takes a different stand, but we do not know that that will make much difference. When Congress meets again there will be some more tall twisting, the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty will be declared abrogated and the construction of the Nicaragua canal upon terms satisfactory to the jingoes will be commenced. Here is the opinion of the British government on the present position of the United States: "The amendment, he thinks (Lord Lansdowne), not only removes all prospects of the wider guarantee, but places Great Britain in a position of marked disadvantage compared with other powers. His Majesty's government were to agree to such an arrangement, while the United States would have a treaty right to interfere with the canal in time of war or apprehended war, and while other powers could with a clear conscience disregard any of the restrictions imposed by the convention, Great Britain would, in spite of her enormous possessions on the American continent, and in spite of her Australasian colonies and her interests in the East, would be precluded from resorting to any such action, or from taking measures to secure her interests in and near the canal."

**LEGISLATION EXTRAORDINARY.** To the Editor:—Mr. A. W. Smith, the member for West Lillooet, has had a dispute with me about the ownership of a certain lot in Lillooet. He has introduced a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Landlord and Tenant Act." His bill is not, however, an amendment, but an entirely new act, and does not form part of the existing act. It is quite unnecessary, as the "Overholding Tenants Act," c. 182, R. S. B. C., provides all necessary remedies to owners of land. The latter is a well drawn act and provides the proper safeguards against injustice being done. Under Mr. Smith's act anyone who alleges that he is the owner can apply to two magistrates and object anyone who is in possession. It leaves to the "Overholding Tenants Act," there would not be so great objection to the bill. If the bill is passed it will certainly be used for improper purposes by unscrupulous persons. In England, where the legislation in the past did not certainly lean against landlords, the raising of a question of title ousted the jurisdiction of magistrates in trespass cases. Are magistrates here more fit to try questions of title than their English brethren? I certainly think not. J. B. CHERRY. Lillooet, March 23rd, 1901.

**SCHOOL BOOKS, ETC.** To the Editor:—I see by your paper that the legislature is still on the question of school books, and the Provincial Secretary stated that books to be used in the government office would cost sixty per cent. above the present price. Now, what the ratepayers would like to know is if this estimate is based on the basis of working fifty (50) hours per week, the same as local commercial offices, or about thirty-five or forty hours, as they work in the government office, and if the employees were to be held for all holidays and charging overtime after regular working hours? It will be seen there is a considerable difference when estimates are based on these hours, and still greater difference when the wages that are now paid in the government printing office and indirectly are compared with commercial offices

Cameron has departed this life and has taken the incriminating documents with him. Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Cook says Mr. Cameron said, had something to do with the negotiations. Sir Richard denies all knowledge of any such transaction, but, then in the estimation of Sir Mackenzie Bowell and his followers in the Senate, the word of a man like the Minister of Trade and Commerce has no weight in comparison with that of a discredited office-seeker like Mr. H. H. Cook. But, as we have already observed, Sir Mackenzie Bowell has achieved a notable triumph. He has proved that there is still a Tory majority in one of the Parliamentary chambers, and he has enabled a Tory lawyer to insert his hands in the public treasury. The power of the Tory leader in the Senate is rapidly waning. The country has no desire to make light of what is probably his last flickering triumph.

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Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh winds, mostly southerly, unsettled and mild, with occasional showers.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled and mild, with occasional rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.01; temperature, 40; minimum, 30; wind, calm; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 38; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

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Queen's Funeral Closes To-night.

The city council will hold a meeting this evening.

Steamer Charmer left Vancouver at 1.20, after connecting with the Eastern train.

Rev. R. B. Rhyll, M. A., will deliver his lectures upon "The Influence of the Boer War" in Nanaimo on April 15th.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Daniel Morrison takes place to-morrow at 2 p. m. from 42 Kingston street, James Bay.

H. M. S. Amphion is about to depart on target practice. She is now at Comox, and before returning to port will visit Vancouver.

The honorary treasurer of the Jubilee hospital board is in receipt of \$25 from Alfred Fellows, being five years' subscription towards the hospital fund.

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EASTER ADJOURNMENT.

Probability of a Recess of a Week and a Half Being Taken.

It is not improbable that when the House rises on Friday evening it will stand adjourned until after the Easter holidays thus affording the members about a week and a half in which to visit their constituencies and transact business which has arisen during their absence. The up-country members, especially, who have been unable to visit home since the session opened, are understood to be desirous that this course should be followed. It would also give the government an opportunity of giving further consideration to a number of important matters which stress of business and of delegations has hitherto prevented.

The mining committee met this morning in connection with the proposed amendments to the inspection of Metaliferous Mines Act.

REMOVING TO HALIFAX.

"A" Company Leaves for the East on Tuesday, April 2nd.

"A" company, 3rd Battalion, R. C. E., will leave here on April 2nd and will proceed to Halifax to join the rest of the battalion at that point. Lt.-Col. McKay has just received orders to that effect, and everything is being put in shape at Hospital point for the departure.

Leut. Clarke, Serat, Howell, Corps, Hutchison, Park, McDonald, Williams, and Orby, Ptes. Thomas, Pickwood, Brunel and Goldard and Bugler Corbett will accompany the commanding officer to Halifax. Of the thirty-five non-commissioned officers and men at present upon the strength of the company, all but the twelve above mentioned will be granted their discharge on Friday next.

Upon the barracks being vacated by "A" company the building will be occupied by the 2nd company of the 3rd Battalion.

CENTENNIAL BAZAAR.

To Be Held in the Church This Evening—A Good Programme.

A bazaar will be held this evening at the Centennial Methodist church in aid of the Victoria school extension fund. The following programme will be rendered:

Selection from "Laureola Borgia"..... Donizetti Orchestra.

Cello Solo—"Adante Religioso"..... Servais

Master J. H. Gordon, Soloist.

Grand March—"Tambour"..... Wagner Orchestra.

Violin Solo—"Fantasia From Maritima"..... Weist Hill

Miss A. M. Brooker.

Duet for Violin and Violoncello—"Norma"..... Dancla

Master Frank Armstrong and Master J. H. Gordon.

Selection from "Fra Diavolo"..... Auber Orchestra.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

MINING CONCESSIONS FOR DEEP PLACER MINING GROUND IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

To the Editor:—I hand you herewith a copy of the amendments suggested by the Cariboo placer miners to remedy the defects in Part VII of the Placer Mining Act of 1891, and request you to publish the same in your valuable journal for the information of the public in general.

After reading these proposed amendments, which will be found on page 7, it must appear clear to any intelligent person that the Cariboo placer miners are not asking for title under crown grant, as represented by "Kootenay," but merely asking for a stable title assured under the law.

It is the individual working miner—the prospector with his pick, shovel, bar and pan, backed up by his capital of muscle, pluck and enterprise—who has made a few fish-hooks, his savi—invested in a pack-mule to carry his outfit, and a limited supply of bacon and beans, who plunges into the unexplored wilderness in quest of gold or other valuable metals or minerals. It is the hardy and venturesome prospector who is ever entitled credit for the discovery of valuable metals and minerals; it is he who practically demonstrates the wealth and commercial value of all great mining districts. It is the working miner and prospector that is today appealing to the government to raise the injunction placed upon his enterprise by Part VII of the Placer Mining Act of 1891.

Under the provisions of Part VII of the Placer Mining Act, the holder of a placer mining leasehold for 80 acres, first required to pay the annual rental of \$50 plus \$5 for making out the lease; secondly, he must expend annually in labor or improvements on the claim the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or forfeit his lease.

It will be evident to any thoughtful person that these conditions are a bar to the prospector; they are entirely prohibitive, and for this reason he is practically prohibited from entering the deep placer mining field of British Columbia. So he leaves the field in search of shallow placers, or crosses the boundary where he is allowed to take up and secure title to 100 acres of deep placer mining land and hold it on a leasehold for \$100 dollars.

It is not reasonable for the miners of Cariboo, as well as the farmers and merchants in the district, who are never dependent upon the development of the deep placer mining industry, to petition the government to throw open for exploration and development the deep placers of the province, when the shallow placers have been exhausted? If this be done on a broad-gauge and liberal plan, the now almost abandoned regions will be set up with a thrifty class of miners and farmers, and the time will not be far distant when an immense deep placer mining industry will be developed, the gold product of which will equal, if not exceed, that of any deep placer mining field in the world.

If this great deep placer mining field is thrown open for exploration and development, the surplus labor of the Eastern provinces will enter it instead of going south in search of more profitable fields for industry.

In 1882, the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company entered the Queen's Hill region and purchased from several companies of prospectors for about \$125,000 a lot of placer mining claims and leases in which the vendors had demonstrated values sufficient to warrant working on a large scale by hydraulic process. This company has expended about four million dollars in the construction of canals, reservoirs, dams, pipe-lines, sawmills, hydraulic plant and other appliances required for the equipment and opening of the property for hydraulic operations on a large scale. The company pays annually for labor about \$75,000, and it purchases from the merchants of Victoria, Vancouver, Ashcroft, and local Cariboo merchants explosives, provisions, stores and mining supplies valued at fully \$100,000; it purchases annually from farmers in the vicinity of the mine 50,000 pounds of beef, 5,000 pounds of mutton, 3,000 pounds of butter, 60 tons of hay, 30 tons of oats, 20 tons of potatoes, 5 tons of turnips, and other miscellaneous articles of produce. The company also pays annually to freighters on the Cariboo road about \$30,000, and a revenue to the government of about \$12,000 per annum.

The Cariboo, Gold Fields Co., The Slough Creek Co., and a number of large corporations entered the Barkerville district in 1892 and 1893, purchasing a large number of claims of all grades from the prospectors, and have since expended immense sums of money in development work. In 1893 and 1894, the Horse Fly Hydraulic Mining Co., the Hovoc Mining Co., and the Horse Fly Gold Mining Co. entered the Horseshoe region and purchased a lot of hill and deep placer mining claims from individual miners and prospectors, since which time the Horse Fly Hydraulic Mining Co. has expended in development work about \$500,000; the Hovoc Mining Co. about \$150,000, and the Horse Fly Gold Mining Co. a like sum for land and development work. These companies have paid the government large sums annually in the way of rents and royalties on the mineral rights, and are asking no favors at the hands of the government either in the shape of public or private legislation.

Immediately after the commencement of operations by the companies named, the surrounding country was grabbed up by promoting and wild-cat syndicates, who have since kept the country locked up. The greater number of these syndicates have avoided doing annual work—many have not contributed a cent of revenue to the government; and some have declared large dividends out of the cash bonuses paid by them by other promoting syndicates for privileges covering short periods of time to enable them to float the properties in the Eastern provinces, England and the United States—the original syndicates refusing on almost every occasion to extend the time of the privileges to permit the intending purchasers to prospect and prove the value of the deposits, and to hold their leases for a few victims to encouraging a bona fide purchaser.

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## THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

(Continued From Page 2.)

Interesting evidence was given at this morning's session of the Royal Commission by Mr. W. G. Cameron and Mr. Reid, after which the commission adjourned half an hour earlier than on the previous occasions.

Ald. Cameron, the first witness, considered the presence of the Chinese here as detrimental. In following they lowered the prices to such an extent that a price as low as that paid for ready made clothing. It was difficult to enforce the sanitary regulations among them.

Proximity to Chinese laundries exercised a very depreciatory effect on property. Although it was common talk, he could not say whether or no Chinese were brought here under a contract. He pointed out that Chinese were not allowed employment in any civic or provincial capacity, were not granted the franchise, and the opinion of the people in this respect has always been adverse to them. This was in reply to a question from the president of the commission as to whether Chinese interested themselves in the laws and institutions of this country.

If the same work now accomplished by Chinese was done by white men, the country, he believed, would be further enriched, inasmuch as the market would be enlarged.

Through their uncleanly habits the Chinese were a menace to health. While he had never known of an epidemic owing its origin to them, he knew they had endeavored to conceal cases of contagious diseases, which was a very dangerous practice.

The immigration of Chinese he did not think increased trade between here and China to a great extent. If they were not here, the white labor which would take their place would increase the consumption of Eastern goods.

Favored the Prohibition of Chinese immigration, and did not think any industry would be seriously affected through action of this sort.

White labor would always be sufficient. It always went to where it could prosper most. With the present improved methods of communication, there need never be a scarcity of white labor.

Regarding domestic service, he pointed out that many people did not seek employment of that description here, because they knew the places were occupied by Chinese. There were no Chinese in Tacoma, public opinion having driven them out, and there was no difficulty regarding domestic employment there.

The Japanese were a more superior class of people—were more intelligent and acquired Western ways. As competitors in labor, he regarded them as dangerous as the Chinese. He estimated 75 per cent. of the people here in favor of prohibition of Chinese immigration. The other 25 were interested in industries in which the employment of Chinese increased their profit.

In reply to Mr. Munn, he said that he knew of factories operated both here and elsewhere successfully with white labor. Jam and confectionery manufacturers were carried on here with white labor exclusively. He attributed the non-increase in the clothing trade to a great extent to the competition of Chinese tailoring establishments.

The Chinese population here had fluctuated considerably since he first came. If there were no Chinese domestic servants in Victoria to-day, he was satisfied that sufficient

White Servants Could Be Procured to fill their places. He would not like to see labor so abundant that the wages would decrease to the level of those in the East. His experience was there was more prosperity in the country where wages were high. He did not think from a municipal standpoint that low wages and prices tended to the development of the city. As to rents, he believed they were very low here. In some of the neighboring cities where the house and store rents were high, the necessities of life were cheaper than in Victoria; in this city it was vice versa, low rents and high priced necessities. He thought the condition of the laboring man here more favorable than in Seattle.

To Mr. Foley, he stated he knew of no industries being driven out of existence through presence of Chinese here. If the Chinese here were replaced by white people, a greater demand would be created for the consumption of Eastern goods. He considered it more desirable to distribute money among white people on the coast than among an alien race here.

The city had been active in improving the condition of Chinatown, and it was now better than before. The presence of Chinese here in place of whites, he did not think increased the civic expenditures to any extent. He thought a large number of Chinese escaped justice in Victoria through combinations against detection. He believed there had been crime in Chinatown impossible to prove through the secretiveness of its inhabitants.

The iron foundries or iron works here did not employ Chinese labor. The reason these industries could compete with the East and not employ Chinese labor, he believed was owing to organization and unions and the system of apprenticeship.

To Mr. Bradburn, regarding the difficulty in discovering crime among the Chinese, witness admitted that it was at times difficult to discover white criminals. It was a strong impression in the community, however, that the Chinese assisted each other to escape justice. Regarding the sanitary condition of Chinatown, he said that Store, Commercial and Plaquard streets were sewered.

These were Chinese electricians and graders here now—that is among themselves. White labor at the price paid Chinese could not exist under present conditions. Chinese had cleared more land near Victoria than white people, because the cheap labor was available. At one time nearly all the domestics here were white. Some of them married and gradually left their employment, or bettered their circumstances. The smallpox epidemic some years ago was responsible for

A Diminution of Trade in Victoria, but he could not say what was the effect of the Alien Exclusion Act. The latter might have detrimental effect on some portions of Athol. Before leaving the stand, Ald. Cameron suggested the advisability of Dr. Fraser being recalled to give evidence regarding the leprosy discovered among Chinese; also, he pointed out, that these unfortunate were a burden on the city, which had to bear the responsibility of caring for them.

The next witness was Samuel Reid, goods' furnisher and clothier, who stated that the presence of Chinese decreased the volume of business. Were they replaced by whites the demand for his goods would be increased. It also caused the migration of families to other points. He mentioned an instance in which a gentleman coming from California was unable to obtain steady employment in Victoria, which he characterized as a "Chinese town." He was a laborer, and had worked occasionally, but every where he went he was not by Chinese. On farms, along the wharves and unloading coal the Chinese employees were everywhere in evidence.

In his judgment the Chinese to a considerable extent superseded white labor, and this was gradually extending to other pursuits. He favored the prohibition of Chinese.

He apprehended a still greater participation by Chinese in other vocations. If cheap labor was considered an essential to the development of a country, white cheap labor like that in England could be utilized. He preferred to see English cheap labor than Chinese or Japanese, and believed that with the exclusion of the Orientals the former, with government assistance, would come here.

In reply to Commissioner Munn, he said he did not believe the employment of Chinese on farms reduced the price of farm produce, the farmer gaining the difference. If white cheap labor was exported here the importations of vegetables and other commodities he maintained would be decreased, and the production would be reduced to the present level of the country. The money earned by the Chinese went to China. He did not consider it a matter of sentiment to prefer that money should go East than to China, because it was

A Matter of National Importance, as well as from a business standpoint. Canadians were building up their own country, and not China. If the money went from the country let it go to Canada instead of to China.

In reply to Mr. Munn, he stated he did not believe any Chinese came here with the intention of remaining permanently. They desired to take away as much as they could. The reason why cheap labor, in developing a country like Japan, did not decrease wages, was that a greater market was being created. He believed that cheap labor of England could work here for less than white men were being paid at present.

The Klondike gold discovery afforded a relief to many white men who could not obtain employment here through the competition of the Chinese. He believed the same conditions that existed before the discovery would be repeated if something were not done.

As to Japanese, he believed they desired to embrace European customs, and that in a few years they would do so entirely.

To Mr. Munn he said that just before the Klondike discovery the white men were very bitterly disposed toward the Orientals, owing to their inability to obtain employment. When the Japanese came here in large numbers last spring, the comments among the people here were very unfavorable to them.

To Mr. Wilson, witness said he favored prohibition of further immigration, and he believed that in that event there would be

A Gradual Diminution in their numbers here, which would not dislocate business.

To Mr. Bradburn he said that to his knowledge no Chinese had interested himself in the laws and institutions of his country. He admitted that there were a few professional men from England who were unsuccessful in obtaining employment here, but if the Chinese and Japanese were in the professions there would be more. He thought a white laborer could live here on \$1 to \$1.25 per day—some existed on that now because they claimed they could not obtain employment owing to the presence of Orientals. When a man obtained steady employment, he admitted, his wages are good. Some Chinese laborers secured steady work, while others probably did not. No Chinaman intended to remain here for life.

Question—How do you know that? Answer—By their manner. Their bones are removed to China after they die. Question—Well, don't they die here? Answer—They are overtaken by death. To Mr. Grant, representing Mr. Cassidy, he said the Japanese appeared more readily inclined to adopt European customs. Their clothes were European, and he believed that eventually they would enter the ranks of the European. While the Japanese handicapped the white men, the competition would not be so extensive as that of the Chinese. He judged that the Japanese would make better citizens than the Chinese because they appeared to integrate themselves in European customs.

The commission then adjourned until this afternoon.

The sulfoniline will now be used in Sweden instead of salicylic acid with an use in cases of caput punishment.

## Sporting News

TOURNAMENT TO-NIGHT.  
The G. Y. M. A. will hold their weekly wrestling tournament in the club rooms, Spring Hill, this evening, commencing at 8:30 p. m. All members are invited to attend.

BASEBALL.  
MEET ON MONDAY EVENING.  
A meeting of the Victoria and Amity baseball clubs will be held next Monday evening, when the proposal to amalgamate the two teams will come up for discussion. The meeting will be held at the Empire hotel. All interested are requested to attend.

THE WHEEL.  
C. C. C. CLUB TO REORGANIZE.  
From all accounts the C. C. C. C. will hold a meeting in the near future for the purpose of reorganizing. Nothing definite could be obtained by attending to prominent cyclists it is expected that the club, after re-organizing, will make preparations for a big meet to be held on the 24th of May.

TRAP SHOOTING COMMENCING.  
According to local enthusiasts the outlook for the season of trap shooting is very bright. The Victoria Gun Club have already made arrangements for the season, and the members of the club will hold their first shoot on March 31st at Langford Plains. This will only be a practice in preparation for the contest for the Victoria Gun Club trophy, which will take place on the 14th of April, also at Langford Plains.

LACROSSE.  
MEETING IN PIONEER HALL.  
All interested in lacrosse are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club, which will be held this evening in the Pioneer hall for the purpose of reorganizing for the coming season. The annual meetings of the Vancouver and New Westminster clubs have already been held, and the enthusiasts on the Mainland, with characteristic enterprise, have commenced perfecting arrangements for what is expected to be a successful season. Lacrosse has many an adherent in this city, and it is hoped that the element will be largely represented this evening. Each year witnesses the retirement of one or more veterans, and the knowledge that they will be called upon to fill the breach should stimulate the juniors to continue to interest themselves in the game, and by diligent practice prepare themselves for prospective struggles with rival aggregations.

YACHTING.  
THE SHAMROCK'S SPAR.  
Glasgow, March 26.—The spars and rigging of Shamrock II are now being prepared for setting up. They include several new ideas. One is the abolition of the topmast and all topmast fittings. She will have a single metal spar, the largest ever fitted to any ship, measuring from step to truck 148 feet. This saves the extra weight caused by the necessary overlapping of the lower mast and topmast, and the weight of the housing gear, and giving also, it is thought, a stronger braced spar.

Shamrock II will be unable to house her topmast in the event of racing in a gale of wind, but this happened only once since the America cup races began.

Mr. Ward, managing partner of Messrs. Deany, builders of the cup challenger, informed a representative of the Associated Press that he certainly would have Shamrock II ready for the date fixed for her launching, April 20th. He is much struck with the idea of having the workmen employed on her construction, and considers the yacht's hull to be the finest specimen of ship building ever turned out from the yard.

BASKETBALL.  
VICTORIA WEST WINS.  
Perhaps one of the most exciting games of basketball played this season took place last evening at Poirer's hall, Victoria West, between the teams of the Boys' Brigade and Victoria West. Very few fouls were awarded, the goals being all made from the field. The first goal scored was for the Brigade, by Edmond. A few minutes more play and Macbeth evaded matters by scoring for the Victoria West. This continued until half time, when the score stood 4-4.

The second half was to decide matters, and both teams braced themselves. Play commenced with a rush, but lock was with the Victoria West, who scored four goals in quick succession. Lovelidge now made his appearance, and two more goals were added to the Brigade account, but again squabbling matters. Before the end of the game Wiggins managed to put the ball in the Brigade basket, winning the game for the Victoria West team by a score of 5 to 10.

RAVENS PRACTICE.  
The J. R. A. A. basketball team held a practice game last evening in preparation for the match against the Y. M. C. A. team of Vancouver on Friday next. The local team is in first-class condition, and a hard game will undoubtedly take place when the Terminal City and Capital City boys meet.

Queen's Funeral Closes To-night.  
WALL STREET.  
(Associated Press.)  
New York, March 27.—There was very large buying of all the principal railroad stocks at the opening. A number of railroads rose about a point. The dealings were widely distributed and very large blocks changed hands in many stocks. The stock market opened strong. Amal. Coal, per 101; Atch. pfd., 94; Burlington, 108; to 109; B. & O., 91; B. R. T., 80; Con. Tob., 45; Erie, 35; do. 1st pfd., 69; Fed. Steel, 104; Louis., 99; Mar., 129; M. P., 104; N. P., 91; to 92; People's Gas, 105; R. L., 128; Reading, 34; Reading 1st pfd., 73; St. Paul, 148; Sugar, 14; Southern Pacific, 49; Tenn. C. & I., 59; Tob., 126.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION.  
(Associated Press.)  
New York, March 27.—The condition of the Hon. Rev. John Travers Lewis, Archbishop of Ontario, Metropolitan of Canada, who is ill at the Hotel Empire, did not improve last night. His condition is now said to be serious.

Searchlight Closes To-night.  
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## LANDS AND WORKS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.  
IRONWORK, TULAMEN RIVER BRIDGE.  
Sealed tenders, superscribed "Tender for Ironwork, Tulamen River Bridge," will be received by the undersigned up to and including Saturday, the 6th day of April, for supplying cast and wrought iron to be used in the construction of the above bridge.

The general plan of bridge and full size details of castings may be seen at the office of the undersigned, at 113 Government street, and at the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, B. C. on and after 27th day of March, 1901.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit made payable to the undersigned for a sum equal to ten per cent. of the amount of the tender, as security for the due fulfilment of the contract, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied and signed with the actual signature of the tenderer. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. GORE,  
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works,  
Lands and Works Department,  
Victoria, B. C., 27th March, 1901.

## VICTORIA CITY WATER WORKS

SEPARATE TENDERS.  
Will be received up to 3 p. m. on Tuesday, April 9th, for the following goods: 40 5/8-inch meters, 15 3/4-inch meters, 5 1-inch meters, 3 1/2-inch meters, 2 3/4-inch meters, with all connections complete, to be delivered at the repair shop, Pandora street.

Tenders will also be received up to 3 p. m. on Monday, April 1st, for 3 tons of Noble Pine Lumber to be delivered at the repair shop, Pandora street. Specifications for above goods can be seen at the office of the undersigned, to whom all tenders, properly signed and sealed, should be addressed. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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March 27th, 1901.

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## PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL

Applications will be received by the Directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, not later than 15th April, for the position of Matron, at a salary of \$50 per month. Applications should be accompanied with particulars of experience and references, and addressed to

F. ELWORTHY,  
Secretary.

DIED.  
MORRISON—On the 25th inst., at 42 Kings-ton street, James Bay, Mrs. Morrison, widow of the late Daniel Morrison, of Rimouski, Diocese of Charlottetown, N. B., aged 69 years.

The funeral will take place from above residence on Thursday, at 2 p. m. No flowers.

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California	5 1/2 5
Deer Trail Con	2 1/2 2
Evening Star	7 1/2 7 1/4
Fairview Corp	3 2 2 1/2
Golden Star	5 1/2 5
Giant	4 3
Iron Mask	38 27
Knob Hill	60 40
Grandy Smelter	55 47
Montreal & London	5 3
Morning Glory	8 5
Morrison	8 6 1/2
Noble Five	5 3
North Star	83 77
Olive	12 30
Payne	32 30
Rambler Cariboo Con	20 1/2 25
Republic	33 28
Virtue	20 15
War Eagle Con	40 1/2 38
Waterloo	2 1/2 2
White Bear	4 1/2 4
Winnipeg	9 7

Sales—Morrison, 1,000 at 6 1/2; White Bear, 500 at 4 1/2; Golden Star, 500 at 5 1/2; California, 3,500 at 5; C. G. F. S., 1,500 at 5 1/2; Nelson Block, 2,500 at 10; Waterloo, 2,500 at 2 1/2. Total, 17,500.

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\$75 down and mortgage of \$475 will buy 1 lot on Larry St.

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## Public Meeting

In pursuance of a resolution of the City Council, passed on the 25th instant, requesting me to call a public meeting of the citizens of Victoria to consider the present serious aspect of the proposed railway developments throughout the province, as they may affect the city's future welfare and prosperity, notice is hereby given that a

PUBLIC MEETING for this purpose will be held in the CITY HALL,

ON—  
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